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WILLIAM HIRTH AGAINST STATE FARM BLOC

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 13.—The Missouri farmers must look to congress, not the next Missouri legislature, for relief from their economic ills, according to William Hirth, head of the Missouri Farmers' Association.

Farm blocs in the next legislature? No. Legislation for farmers as a class?

No. "Broadly speaking," said Mr. Hirth, "this is everybody's country. I am opposed to class groups, and legislation designed merely to help a certain few."

Hirth declared that his organization, if it desired, could control more than half the members of the next house of representatives. He added that he would have nothing to do with organizing a farm bloc, and that certain persons "are running things in the ground."

He said, however, his organization might take an interest in the selection of speaker of the next house and president pro tem. of the senate.

In explaining why the next legislature has nothing to offer the farmer, Hirth declared that the legislature of 1921 enacted a sufficient legislative program for the farmers, particularly the laws opening the grain exchanges and the stockyards to farmers' organizations.

Speaking of appropriations for the university and state schools, Hirth said he favored ample financial support for them all.

The 50-million-dollar road law, which as a purported leader of the "dirt road" advocates, Hirth opposed at the special session of the legislature in 1921, needs virtually no change, he said. He explained that the routes of the state roads have been designated, and should not be tampered with. But he added he might oppose the issuance of any more road bonds. His reason is that the bonds require too much interest. But he showed his unfamiliarity with the way the state highway commission and the fund commission are selling the road bonds, so as to mature a few years after issue, reducing to a minimum the interest to be paid on them.

One of the big fights before the next legislature probably will be an attempt to amend the road law so that larger installments of bonds may be sold—probably 10 million dollars each year. The law now permits the sale of 10 million this year, and only million each succeeding year. The result is that construction work may be slowed up next year because the commission will have only a limited amount of money available.

Dr. Park Sellard and little daughter, of Gallop, N. M., are the guests of Mexico relatives. His many Mexico friends were delighted to see him and his charming little daughter. Mrs. Sellard, who was Miss Maybell Gove, of Mexico, is quite well though she did not make the trip here with him.

Curtis Cauthorn, of Kansas City, is the guest of Mexico relatives. Miss Allene Reed was taken to Barnes Hospital Monday morning for treatment.

Mrs. Paris Watson of Jackson, Tenn., was the guest of Miss Roy Ellen Stewart Monday night enroute to her home in Fulton.

Mrs. Mary Key left for El Reno, Okla., Tuesday, for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Mattie Shriver.

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S. S. Shay of Auxvasse spent Monday in Mexico.

W. W. Mundy of Molino was a Mexico visitor Monday.

J. T. Wallace of Laddonia was in Mexico Monday.

The many friends of John W. Rutter will be sorry to hear that he is ill.

Mrs. T. H. Winans of Colorado Springs, Colo., mother of Mrs. Lester Miller of Mexico, broke her arm recently when she fell on the sidewalk.

Miss Miriam Glandon and Mrs. W. W. Pollock have returned from a visit in Chicago.

Homer Dillard of Laddonia came to Mexico Friday.

STOCK NEWS

LOCAL MARKET.

Oats 36c, 38c, 40c.
Wheat \$1.03, \$1.18, \$1.20,
\$1.24, \$1.26, \$1.28.
Corn (new) 72c, 74c

THE MARKETS.

	Dec.	May
Chicago	73 1/2	73 1/2
Corn	\$1.24 1/4	\$1.23 1/2
Wheat	45 1/2	46 1/2
Oats		

St. Louis Cash—
No. 3 White Corn 75 1/2
No. 3 Yellow Corn 75 to 76
No. 2 White Oats 46 1/2 to 47
No. 2 Red Wheat \$1.23 1/2
St. Louis Stock Yards—
Hogs 22500' 10c lower, top .. \$8.35
Cattle 5500 Steady
Sheep 1200, top on lambs .. \$15.00
Wednesday's Local Poultry Market:
Hen, per lb 18c and 12c
Butter Fat, per lb 46c
Eggs, per doz. 45c

Overcoats, mittens and red noses were the order of the day Tuesday morning as the mercury stood at 5 above zero which was the lowest temperature recorded here this season.

The Ledger received a warning of a cold wave from the weather bureau in Chicago late Monday afternoon, stating that it was probable the mercury would drop to zero in the northern part of the state and about 10 above in the central portion.

The day's as well as the week's top for lambs went to the credit of one of Audrain county, Mo.'s successful sheep feeders, C. F. Brakel, who marketed a double deck of western lambs at a very remunerative price in St. Louis Wednesday December 6. Part of the shipment was taken by order buyers at \$15.00 per cwt, this lot averaging 81 lbs, while the balance sold to Swift & Co., at \$14.85, the highest price the packers have paid for any lambs this week. The shipment included a few yearling wethers at \$13.50.

Elmer Dicus, another of the successful sheep feeders and good citizens of Audrain county, Mo., was represented on the market the same day with a double deck of western lambs.—Live Stock Reporter.

OK & Z's feed

Clansman's Beauty topped the Sterner, Owen, Willingham sale of Poland China hogs at \$120 Wednesday afternoon being purchased by Pollock and Winn. The sale was held in the Middleton sale barn and the fifty animals sold brought a total of \$1111. The crowd was not so large as the high quality of the offering warranted and the price paid were only fairly good. Other sales were as follows:

E. O. Pickett: Gerstade Queen \$40.
Pollock and Winn: Clansman's Beauty \$120; Columbian Giants \$25; Rangier, Maid, \$25; Dorothy, \$30.

Owen and Hedges, Beauty Revelation, 2nd, 3rd and 4th for \$20 each.
D. L. Willingham, Beauty Revelation 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th for \$12.50 each.

John T. Marshall, Clansman Revelation, \$14.
Clem Carroll, Clansman Revelation 3rd, \$6.

Max Piper, Giant Lady, \$71; Clansman Maid \$51.
W. D. Willingham, Jones Clan \$32.50; two gilts for \$12.50 each.

Ben Pickett, Buster's, Dynamite \$41.
P. C. Pickett one animal not listed for \$13; three spring gilts for \$13 each and fall pig for \$13.

L. J. Beamer, Lady Bargmaster, \$35.
Willard, Willingham, Lady Jones Best 2d, \$40.

L. E. Crews, animal for \$18.
H. Stowers, spring gilt for \$21.
Abe Hall, animal not listed for \$19.

J. R. Johnson, 4 spring gilts for \$12.50 each and 3 for \$12.00 each.
J. L. Jenkins, spring gilt for \$16; three other animals for \$10.50; one animal not listed for \$26, spring gilt for \$26.

Robert Hook, sow for \$22.50.
Pollock and Winn, seven shots for \$3.50 each.

Cy Barnes, spring gilt for \$26.
Callaway County mule feeders are again active owing to the fact that the price of cotton is higher and the demand for mules is increasing. More buyers were at the stock sales in Fulton Monday than there have been on any one day in two or three years.

Fat mules are being shipped out of the county as fast as possible and the feeders are filling their pens with animals which will be ready for the southern planters when winter breaks.

The shipments were made recently by the Producers Grain Company were as follows:

Six cows, Dick Carter; two veals, J. H. Hebel; one veal, A. H. Deyton; five cows and one veal, Wallace Johnson; one veal, Wes Wynn; two veal, Henry Stowers; one bull, Harry Henshaw; one cow, B. T. Crawford; three cows, M. Bowdler; one cow, Adams and Wilkins; three veals, J. W. Gallaher; two veals, Charles Schopp; one veal, Andy Meyers; one Jersey bull, J. G. Crawford; one veal, Henry Abus; one veal, Charles Schopp; five cows, H. Price; calf and bull, Bob Mundy; 14 head, B. A. Brown; two head, O. H. Erdel; nine-

Do Not Delay

Christmas is only a few days away. If you haven't done your shopping you should do it at once.
Remember—the earlier you buy the greater choice you have.

Do your Christmas buying in Mexico. The Mexico merchants are not only showing unusual holiday stocks but their prices are most reasonable.

Mexico is ready for the Christmas shoppers. Don't delay, the roads may become bad and then more trouble for everyone.

L. Mitchell White

MRS. WELLS DIES HERE TUESDAY

Mrs. Josephine D. Wells, 78 years old, died at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the King Daughter's Home. The funeral services were held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon from the home and burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Wells had been a resident of the home for six years, coming to Mexico from Troy, Mo., where she had lived for a number of years. Her only known relatives are a nephew in Troy, Mo., and a niece in Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. Wells was a most lovable character and during her residence at the home was a valued friend to all who knew her. To these the Ledger extends sincere sympathy.

Mrs. Sims is one of the largest feeders of Audrain county, and his offering showed very careful handling.—Live Stock Reporter.

T. P. Harrison, a well-known stockman and farmer of Callaway county, Mo., was on the St. Louis market Tuesday with a double deck of western lambs of his own feeding which were good enough to sell at the top of the market, the price being the highest paid on this market this fall.

This lot of lambs consisted of 260 head that averaged 81 lbs. and they brought \$15.10. Mr. Harrison was well pleased with the market as he said his lambs brought more than he expected when he left home with them.—Live Stock Reporter.

Barker Family Reunion.
Mrs. S. E. Barker of 1021 North Clark Avenue was surprised Sunday with a family reunion in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Burman Harden of Roodhouse, Ill. All of her children and grandchildren were present with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barker of Centralia. Mr. Barker was unable to come on account of illness.

An elaborate three-course dinner was served and a social time enjoyed. Those present were: Mrs. Burman Harden, of Roodhouse, Ill.; J. H. Barker of Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barker and son, Eddie Lee of Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. White of Columbia; and J. J. Morris of Mexico.

All departed late in the afternoon wishing Mrs. Barker, who is now 87 years many more such happy occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fawver who are visiting relatives in Audrain county will leave about Christmas for Florida, Tex., Mrs. Fawver was former Miss Mary Ess of Audrain county and was married to Mr. Fawver November 29 at the Macedonia Church by the Rev. J. D. Greer. Mrs. Fawver is the daughter of John Ess, a pioneer settler of Audrain county.

J. W. Reed of Fulton came to Mexico Tuesday morning on business.

Egbert Miller was elected high priest at the regular election of officers of the Royal Arch Chapter Tuesday night. The other officers chosen were: King, George Talley; scribe, G. E. Wharton; secretary, T. J. Kelo; treasurer, T. H. Marshall.

Those from this locality who attended the Fathers' and Sons' Friday night at Harry Householders last Friday night say it was first class in every way. The cold weather and bad roads prevented some from going.

Wm. Mason and Earl Carter shipped 3 car loads of cattle Monday. Carter School is preparing for a Xmas tree. The school had some new seats put in Monday.

Ed (Strangler) Lewis and Stanislaus Zybyzko will meet in the Coliseum in St. Louis Thursday night to wrestle for the championship. This match will be of interest to Mexico people as Zybyzko has appeared here and Lewis has been seen by many Mexicans.

Twelve thousand pounds of first class letter mail is advanced three or four hours each day by the post office department's transcontinental airplane relays.

BESSIE DAY IS BRIDE OF VIRGIL STUART

The marriage of Virgil Stuart of Molino to Miss Bessie Day took place at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Day four miles northwest of Mexico. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. B. Waite of Columbia in the presence of a few friends and relatives.

The young couple will make their home on a farm about north of Mexico.

The bride for several years had taught at the Duley School northwest of Mexico and is a most efficient and accomplished young woman with a large number of friends.

Mr. Stuart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. U. Stuart of Mexico and is a progressive young farmer. During the war he served with the American forces and recently ran for the office of collector of Audrain County.

The Ledger extends sincere congratulations and best wishes to this splendid young couple.

PLAINTIFFS WIN CASE AGAINST MOHIO COAL COMPANY

The jury in the case of Norma C. Quinlin et al. v. the Mohio Coal Company returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs to the sum of \$1,500 on each of two counts and costs. The jury was out from 9:30 Wednesday morning until 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The case involved the selling of some mining stock.

Marry in Mexico Sunday.

The marriage of Leon C. Crosswhite, son of Frank Crosswhite of western Audrain County to Miss Margarette McCune, daughter of Ambrose McCune of Randolph county, took place at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Renick Christian Church, the Rev. J. D. Greer officiating. Following the ceremony there was a reception at the home of the bridegroom's father. The young couple will live on Mr. McCune's farm in Randolph County.

Both of these young people are members of prominent families and have a large number of friends, who will join the Ledger in extending congratulations and best wishes.

The McMillan High School Band has received uniforms and is now one of the few high schools in the State which has a large uniformed school band. This organization under the direction of Professor John Lightfoot has been doing most excellent work this season and McMillan is to be congratulated. The new uniforms are gray trimmed in scarlet and will enable the band to present a most attractive appearance.

PARENTS KILL BABY ACCIDENTLY IN WRAP

COLUMBIA, Mo., December 13.—The two-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Largent of Harrisburg, 20 miles northwest of Columbia, died of suffocation Tuesday night, when its parents wrapped it too tightly in blankets to protect it from the cold while driving from Moberly to Harrisburg.

Upon arriving home the baby was laid upon a bed until a fire was started and when the wraps were removed, it was found to be dead.

INFANT IS SMOTHERED TO DEATH BY BABY SISTER

VANDALLA, MO., December 13.—The 2-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Maxwell was found dead in bed Tuesday. Her 16-month-old sister had thrown herself across her in her sleep, smothering her to death.

The case of the State of Missouri v. James Breckinridge, a negro, charged with assault with intent to kill was on trial in the Audrain county Circuit Court here Wednesday. Breckinridge was convicted on assault in August 15, 1915, and served a term of two years in the State Penitentiary.

He is now charged with assaulting William Johnson with a pocket knife. The jury in the case which was selected from a panel of forty is as follows: J. W. Perkins, Ryland Rodes, John Ellis, T. B. Bruce, W. W. Nichols, Dan Dillard, John Sullivan, John Burns, Frank Cauthorn, Milt Householder, C. W. Dodd and Roy Pearl.

A marriage license was issued here Wednesday afternoon to Walter Morris of Vandalla and Hattie Brewer of New Florence.

Miss Hazel McIntyre of Mexico, who is attending the University of Missouri, was initiated into Alpha Zeta Phi, honorary romance language fraternity this week. The aim of the organization is to create interest in foreign languages and uphold high scholarship among its members.

The great comet of 1943 had a tail two hundred million miles long composed of the thinnest gases imaginable.

SENTENCED TO EIGHT MONTHS IN CO. JAIL

Arthur Cox was found guilty of violating the prohibition law in the Audrain County Circuit Court Thursday morning and sentenced to serve a term of eight months in the county jail. Cox was arrested on a Wabash train near Mexico recently and four half pints bottles of liquor found in his possession. He entered a plea of not guilty. He has served a term in the Missouri State Penitentiary previous to this time.

The members of the jury in the case were: Alvin Sellers, R. C. Carter, H. E. Hoffman, James Coons, John Fecht, R. P. Crane, E. O. Pickett, W. I. Britt, Ryland Rodes, Geo. Throckmorton, James Ward and J. D. Pitt.

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR BANQUET

One hundred and fourteen persons attended the annual banquet which was given by the Knights Templar of Crusade Commandery at the Hotel Hoxsey Monday evening. A delicious five-course dinner was served and the following program given:

Vocal solo.—Mrs. W. G. Wilkins.
Vocal solo.—Capt. Raymond Moore.
Reading.—Mrs. Norton Melson.
Duet.—Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. F. N. Henderson accompanied by Mrs. A. O. Adams.

Address by Sir Knight.—R. D. Worrell.
Presentation of Past Eminent Commander's Jewell to W. D. Wilkins by Sir Knight, H. G. Stocks.

Orchestra Music. M. M. A. Orchestra. Quite a large number of out-of-town Sir Knights and the wives were present. As usual the evening was a most delightful one and the occasion a big success. Crusade Commandery is one of the largest in this section of Missouri.

WILL HELP PROVIDE MILK FOR UNDERNOURISHED SCHOOL CHILDREN

Dr. J. F. Jolley, who was recently appointed to investigate the need for regular milk drinking among the children of Mexico, made a report at the regular weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club to the effect that there were still about seventy children who needed the milk who were not getting it. The club authorized him to expend whatever sum of money was needed to provide milk for all children needing it whose parents were unable to pay for it.

Dr. Jolley, Mrs. R. W. Berrey of the Social Service Board and Mrs. Harry Atchison of the Red Cross will make a survey for this purpose.

The State Highway department is advertising for bids to build a concrete bridge on the north State Highway west of Mexico on the Audrain county-Boone county line. This bridge is at present of iron and out of line of the new road. The bids are to be opened December 22nd.

Kansas City seems to be growing more like Mexico every day. John B. Pew, city counselor and one of his assistants have been ordered to draw up an ordinance providing for a tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline. This tax would create an annual fund of \$300,000 which could be used for street maintenance. A tax of this sort has been in force in Mexico for several years.

Marry Here Monday.
The marriage of Joe Nevins of Mexico to Miss Mattie Smith of High Hill took place at 1:30 Monday afternoon at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. J. H. Hughes. Mr. Nevins is an ex-soldier. The young couple will make their home in Mexico. The Ledger extends sincere congratulations and best wishes.

Ponds Stocked With Fish.
Local ponds have been stocked with fish this week by the specially equipped coach of the Missouri State Fisheries Commission. The pond at the Buntington Hunting and Fishing Club was supplied with 1,200 sunfish and crappie and two cans of fish amounting to 500 fish were supplied to T. J. Hoxsey for the pond on his dairy farm.

Administrator's Sale.
Two lots in the northern part of Mexico were sold at administrator's sale Monday afternoon to B. A. Powell for the sum of \$250. The lots were part of the Elgin Fox estate.

Francis Board spent the week-end with his family in Fulton.

Heavy Wrapping Paper for sale at the Ledger office, 10c per roll.

ROTARY WILL DECORATE THE STREETS HERE

The Mexico Rotary Club will decorate the light standards in the business section at once in order to give the city a holiday air. The plan includes placing four illuminated Christmas trees at each corner of the square.

This is a plan which has been urged by the Ledger for several years and we are glad to see the Rotary Club take the matter up. Quite a number of cities have these decorations and they are not only beautiful but stimulate interest in Christmas and the holidays.

Mexico is particularly adapted for this style of decorations and we believe that after it is once tried it will be an annual holiday event.

PASTOR WEDS 3 GENERATIONS OF FAMILY

An unusual wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. W. Baker of Moberly Monday when he united in marriage Leon Boyer of St. Paul, Minn., and Miss Sybil Giles of Mexico.

The Rev. Baker had married the bride's mother and father on February 14, 1901 and her grandfather and grandmother on December 15, 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer will make their home in Mexico.

The bride recently moved to Mexico but since coming here had made a number of friends who will join the Ledger in extending congratulations and best wishes.

ST. LOUIS SHOE FACTORY ATTAINS WORLD RECORD BY YEAR'S PRODUCTION

St. Louis definitely becomes the location of the largest shoe manufacturing company in the world, the International Shoe Company, with the announcement that that firm shipped in the year ending November 30, shoes valued at \$101,430,897. The right to the title as the largest shoe company has been contested in the past by a New York company says the Globe Democrat.

Production, according to Frank Rand, president of the International, is now running at the rate of more than 140,000 pairs a day. The company uses leather tanned in its own plants, the tanneries being at Wood River, Ill., and in the states of Pennsylvania, North Carolina and New Hampshire. The company has more than 29,000 employees. This company has a factory in Mexico.

MOBERLY STORES CHARGED WITH SELLING LIQUOR

Two Moberly stores and a soft drink parlor have been named in information filed in a federal court in Hannibal, charging them with violation of the federal prohibition law. One of the proprietors and a clerk in each of the places it is understood had been named as defendants. The cases will come up for final disposition at the May term of the Hannibal Court.

WILSON SEES VICTORY IN 1924.

NORTH BALTIMORE, Ohio, Dec. 1.—That the elections of 1924 will result in a "glorious victory" for the Democratic party is the prediction of former President Wilson in a letter to Mrs. Jay W. Borah, local Democratic worker, made public yesterday.

"It is my belief that if all the party workers will keep steadily at it for the next two years, the fight so well begun on Nov. 7, will result in a glorious victory in 1924," the former President wrote.

To Make Home in Illinois.
Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Kohl left Sunday for Woodson, Ill., where they will make their future home. Their many friends here will regret their departure but will join the Ledger in wishing them most happy in their new home.

Since the publication of the notice asking the owners of vehicles in Mexico to call at the City Hall for copies of the traffic laws, a number of persons in Mexico have heeded the request. The city officials are determined to enforce the laws to the letter.

Mrs. Ralph Noll has returned from Chicago, after visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. W. Cough, at Edgewater Beach Hotel.

Mrs. E. R. Buckner and Miss Mary Buckner spent Monday with friends in Fulton.

Mrs. P. J. Firmann and daughter, Helen of Fulton spent Monday in Mexico.

Old papers for sale at this office.